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Washington, D.C. – Today, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Peake appeared in front of

The hearing came as a result of reports that veterans involved in a VA study of the smoking cessation d

The Food and Drug Administration issued its first warning about Chantix on November 20, 2007. The V

In response, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) issued the following statement.

“I appreciate that Secretary Peake came before the Committee today to answer questions about the Cha

“It’s disturbing that the VA waited three months after an FDA warning to inform patients of serious, and p

“Any patient given a drug is entitled to know what the side effects are, especially if they are life-threateni

“It is clear that though the VA has policies to safeguard our men and women who have returned home fr

“The apparent inability of the VA to abide by its own policies is unacceptable.”

